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1. FONMIN HAS PROPOSED NOV 20 FOLLOWING DRAFT AS
BASIS FOR A JOINT COMMUNIQUE. QUOTE: THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OF THE UNITED STATES, MR. CYRUS VANCE, VISITED THE CITY OF
BUENOS AIRES IN RESPONSE TO AN INVITATION EXTENDED BY
HIS EXCELLENCY, THE PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINA, LT. GEN. JORGE
RAFAEL VIDELA, AT THE TIME OF THE MEETING WHICH HE HAD IN THE
CITY OF WASHINGTON THIS PAST SEPTEMBER WITH HIS EXCELLENCY,
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, MR. JIMMY CARTER.

2. DURING THE COURSE OF HIS VISIT MR. CYRUS VANCE WAS
RECEIVED BY THEIR EXCELLENCIES, MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY JUNTA
OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC, LT. GEN. JORGE RAFAEL VIDELA,
PRESIDENT OF THE NATION AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE ARMY, BY
ADMIRAL EMILIO EDUARDO MASSERA, COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE NAVY,
AND BY BRIG. GEN. ORLANDO RAMON AGOSTI, COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF
THE AIR FORCE, IN SEPARATE MEETINGS.

3. IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND WORSHIP, THE FOREIGN
MINISTER, VICE ADMIRAL OSCAR ANTONIO MONTES, HELD CONVERSA-
TIONS WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE, THERE ALSO WERE WORKING
SESSIONS IN WHICH MEMBERS OF THE VISITING DELEGATION, THE
ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND OTHER STATE AGENCIES PARTICI-
PATED.

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4. DURING THE COURSE OF THESE MEETINGS THERE WAS AN EXCHANGE
OF IDEAS WITH REGARD TO THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, WITH SPECIAL
ATTENTION BEING PAID TO THE ROLE OF LATIN AMERICA IN THIS
CONTEXT AND TO THE INTEREST EXPRESSED BY PRESIDENT CARTER TO
REACH A MORE SIGNIFICANT UNDERSTANDING ABOUT HEMISPHERIC RELATIONS.

5. BOTH GOVERNMENTS AFFIRMED THEIR DECIDED INTENT TO PROMOTE A FRUITFUL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

6. WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK OF AGREEMENT THERE WAS AN ANALYSIS OF THE VARIOUS ASPECTS RELATED TO ... NUCLEAR QUESTIONS (THE TEXT CORRESPONDING TO THIS SUBJECT HAS BEEN NEGOTIATED SEPARATELY AND WE PROPOSE TO INCLUDE IT AT THE HEAD OF THE SUBJECTS TO BE LISTED).

7. THERE WAS ALSO AN EVALUATION OF THE IMPACT CAUSED BY THE LATEST OUTBREAK OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD. (BOTH PARTIES) FIRMLY REPUDIATED THE TERRORIST ACTION AND AGREED ON THE NECESSITY OF MULTILATERAL CO-OPERATION IN THIS AREA AND REEMPHASIZED THE CONVENIENCE OF EACH NATION ADOPTING, WITHIN ITS OWN LEGISLATION, THE MEASURES NECESSARY TO ELIMINATE THIS SCOURGE.

8. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PRINCIPLES WHICH INSPIRED THE PANAMA CANAL AGREEMENTS, (THE TWO PARTIES) EXPRESS THEIR HOPE THAT BY MEANS OF PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS A JUST SOLUTION WILL BE REACHED IN THE DISPUTE OVER SOVEREIGNTY OF THE MALVINAS ISLANDS DEMANDED BY THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

9. ENCOURAGED BY THE INCREASE IN BILATERAL TRADE WHICH HAS TAKEN PLACE IN RECENT MONTHS (THE TWO PARTIES) AFFIRM THEIR DECISION AND COMMITMENT TO UTILIZE THE MEANS AVAILABLE TO ACHIEVE A CONFIDENTIAL

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SUBSTANTIAL AND BALANCED INCREASE IN BILATERAL TRADE AND TO CORRECT THE COMMERCIAL IMBALANCE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. WITH RESPECT TO THIS PROBLEM, (THE TWO PARTIES) EXPRESSED THEIR CONVICTION THAT THE MEETING OF THE MIXED COMMISSION WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE BEGINNING OF 1978 WILL FIND THE MEANS TO OBTAIN THIS OBJECTIVE AND WILL ALSO DISCUSS OTHER SUBJECTS OF COOPERATION IN THE BILATERAL AS WELL AS THE MULTILATERAL FIELD.

10. THEY ALSO RATIFIED THE POSTULATES WHICH MOVED BOTH COUNTRIES TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING IN 1972 WITH REGARD TO NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO THE INTERDICTION OF ILLEGAL TRAFFICING AND ABUSE OF NARCOTICS. IN THIS SENSE, (BOTH PARTIES) AGREED ON THE NEED FOR INTENSIFYING AND IMPROVING THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN THE AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MONITORING AND SUPPRESSION OF NARCOTICS TRAFFICING AS WELL AS INTENSIFYING CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF DRUG REHABILITATION IN BOTH THE BILATERAL AND REGIONAL CONTEXT.

11. FINALLY, (THE PARTIES) REITERATED THE FAITH OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS IN THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES UNDER WHICH BOTH NATIONS

WERE FOUNDED AND ARE SUSTAINED: EQUALITY, RESPECT FOR THE
DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON, AND FULL ENJOYMENT OF AUTHENTIC
LIBERTY. BUENOS AIRES, NOVEMBER 21, 1977. END QUOTE.

12. FOOTNOTE QUOTE: THERE REMAIN THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS
WHICH COULD BE ADDED: NORTH/SOUTH PROBLEM; COOPERATION IN
THE STRUGGLE AGAINST HUNGER IN THE UNDERDEVELOPED NATIONS
OF LATIN AMERICA; AND IF THE US DELEGATION ALSO FINDS IT
AGREEABLE, SOME MENTION OF THE CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE
EAST. END QUOTE.

13. OUR COMMENTS FOLLOW SEPTTEL.
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